(e) the steps taken by Government to attain self-sufficiency in the production of hand weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) (a) to (e) The project to develop the new generation INSAS family of small arms of 5.56 mm class was mooted in 1982. The production of 5.56 mm Rifles commenced in 1993-94 and 5.56 mm LMGs and Carbines are under trials. AK-47 Rifles are being imported as these are ideally suited to fight the terrorists in the Low intensity Conflicts/ Counter Insurgency. Production of 5.56 mm family of weapons will be carried out in the Ordnance Factories in India.

Demand for Enchancement of rent by Cellular Phone Operators

2774. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cellular phone operators have applied for enhancement of their rentals;

(b) whether it is a fact that cellular phone companies are using monopoly tactics;

(c) whether Government propose to positively react to such monopolists tendencies of Government licensed cellular phone operator;

(d) whether more open competition is the possible solution to high cellular phone rentals; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to encourage competition amongst cellular phone companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Cellular operators can charge within the ceiling tariff fixed by the Government, given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The Government is also encouraging competition by issuing cellular licences on a non-exclusive basis to two cellular operators in each services area.

Statement

Ceiling Tariffs for Celluler Mobile Telephone Service

TARIFF

1. Monthly Rental for the Service — Rs. 156/- per month.
2. Security Deposit — Rs. 3000/-
3. Installation Charges — Rs. 1200/-
4. Call Charges:—

4.1 for calls originated by the Mobile Subscriber:- Air time charge @ 10 seconds per unit call plus call charges as applicable for the fixed network for Local, STD and ISD calls. For mobile to mobile calls within the same Cellular Service area, only air time charges will be levied.

4.2 for calls terminating on the Mobile subscriber:- Air time charge @ 10 seconds per unit call will be levied. No charge will be levied to the mobile subscriber if the mobile subscriber terminates an incoming call within 5 seconds.

5. Notes on tariff:

5.1. Call duration will be on air time basis for mobile subscribers

5.2. The air time unit call shall be charged at unit rate applicable to the highest slab of the DOT's fixed net work (Rs. 1.40 per unit at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no telescopic rates.

5.3. Call charges for the air time during peak hours shall be fixed at rates not exceeding double the rates prescribed in para 4 above. Peak hours shall be restricted upto a maximum of 4 hours per day. Peak hours and air time call charges during peak hours may be fixed by the Licensee in consultation with Telecom Authority.

5.4. Call charges for the air time during Sundays and 3 National holidays (15th August, 26 January & 2nd October)

shall be half the rates prescribed in para 4 above.

5.5 For calls from mobile subscriber to the fixed net work, the Licensee shall charge the mobile subscriber at the rates prescribed by the Telecom. Authority according to time and day of the call. Unit rate for such calls shall be the highest slab rate of the DOT's fixed net work (Rs. 1.40 at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no telescopic rates.

5.6. There are no free calls to be given in the air time.

5.7. For calls originating from the fixed net work to mobile the mobile subscriber will be charged for the air time and DOT will not have to pay any access fee to the Cellular Operator. The air time charges will be collected by the Cellular Operator.

5.8 For mobile to mobile both caller and called party will be charged.

6 All tariff increase shall be subject to prior approval of the Telecom. Authority and/or its successor.

7. The rental does not include the cost of the Subscriber's terminal equipment (mobile handset). The subscriber is free to buy the terminal equipment from any source.

NSG Commandos for security of Dr. P.T. Jayalalitha

2775. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that forty commandos of the National Security Guard (NSG) are sitting idle at Chennai for the last two months and have not been deployed to provide security to former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Government has refused to deploy these commandos to provide security to former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) Government of Tamil Nadu was informed on 12.9.96 that in the light of the threat assessment available with the Central Government, it has been decided to restore the NSG escort which was provided for the security of Ms. J. Jayalalitha earlier. The Government of Tamil Nadu was also requested to extend necessary assistance to NSG for performing their duties. The matter is being sorted out with the State Government.

छत्तीसगढ़ के लिए सांविधिक विकास बोर्ड की स्थापना

2776. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई पटेल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के लिए एक पृथक सांविधिक विकास बोर्ड के गठन का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है;

(ग) छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के लिए एक पृथक सांविधिक विकास बोर्ड का गठन कब तक कर दिए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (घ) संविधान के अनुच्छेद 371(2) के अन्तर्गत विकास बोर्डों के लिए किए गए उपबन्ध केवल महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात राज्य पर ही लागू होते हैं। मध्य प्रदेश में छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के लिए विकास बोर्ड गठित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्र सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।